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## **Matheson Statement on Senate Health Care Reform Legislation**

Washington, DC - Today, **Representative Jim Matheson (D-UT)**, Blue Dog Co-Chair for Communications, issued the following statement on health care reform legislation being considered by the Senate Finance Committee.

“While having only seen top line numbers and acknowledging that is still a significant overall cost, I am encouraged that the Senate Finance Committee has produced health care reform legislation that cuts the U.S. budget deficit. As the President has said, our health care problem is our deficit problem, and as Blue Dogs we are committed to ensuring that legislation in the House is not only deficit neutral, but contains costs and is fiscally responsible over the long term.”

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